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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS
COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF:

ANDRE J. FRANCOIS, Ph.D.

LICENSED TO PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey Professional Counselor Examiners Committee ("the Committee") upon receipt of complaints forwarded by the New Jersey Board of Psychological Examiners from J.P., J.M.P. and M.W. (Complainants) regarding the issuance of reports titled "Psychological Evaluation" that Andre Francois, Ph.D. (Respondent) prepared for the Division of Youth & Family Services (DYFS) in October 2002 as to the three complainants. On or about January 15, 2004 the Committee filed a proposed Consent Order seeking a reprimand and other sanctions related to Respondent's holding himself out and misrepresenting his

professional license status as a "Bilingual Psychologist" and titling each report as a "Psychological Evaluation" in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) and N.J.S.A. 45:14B-5. Upon receipt of the proposed Consent Order, Respondent has informed the Committee that he no longer desires to hold a license to practice professional counseling.

The parties being desirous of resolving this matter and the Board finding the within Order to be adequately protective of the public interest and for good cause shown,

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS // DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2004, HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. The Respondent Andre Francois, Ph.D. shall immediately cease and desist practice as a professional counselor and surrender his license and wall certificate to practice professional counseling in the State of New Jersey without prejudice to seeking future reinstatement thereof. The license and certificate shall be delivered to the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee's office located at 124 Halsey Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Newark, New Jersey within 10 days of the entry date of this Order.

Respondent shall cease and desist preparation of psychological evaluations and shall cease and desist from representing himself by any title or description implying he is a



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## **Addendum To Consent Order**

2.- This order does not include employment as a certified clinical hypnotherapist, employment as a professor of clinical psychology, employment as a certified school psychologist, employment as a bilingual certified school psychologist, employment as a professor of school psychology, consultant as a certified school psychologist, or employment as a psychologist intern under supervision and as a consultant in clinical hypnotherapy. The order does not cover any publication as a school psychologist, as a certified clinical hypnotherapist, as consultant in school psychology, and any publication in clinical psychology. This order is limited in its scope and structure to the practice of licensed professional counseling in the State of New Jersey for which respondent has voluntarily asked the Board of professional counselor to retire his license since November 3, 2003 by letter including such document sent to the board to support the action after the board of professional counselor concluded its investigation of August 2003 of no findings.

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| psychologist as such activities are beyond the scope of practice of                                                                                                                                                       |
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| a professional counselor.  3. The license was mailed to the Board of Professional counselor and devention 3nd, 2003 with a letter stating that I molenger need it.  NEW JERSEY PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS COMMITTEE |
| By:  J. Barry Mascari, L.P.C.  President                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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